

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, 12-13, 17, 21, 26-31, 33-35, 53, 55, 57 and 59 are amended.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 are now discussed.

Independent claim 13 recites wherein the program terminating time, total program broadcasting time, and display bar are displayed transiently for a predetermined time when the user issues the command and automatically disappear after said predetermined time has elapsed, without a user input after the user issues the command.

In contrast, Fig. 11 of Young teaches that when "select" is pressed, notes are displayed, and when "select" is pressed again, notes are no longer displayed. Thus, there is a user input (the second pressing) after the user issues the command.

Independent claims 1, 7, 12, 17, 21, 22, 27, 29, 31, 33, 34, 35, 53, 55, 57, 59 and 61 are similarly patentable over Young.

Independent claim 26 recites displaying "a first percentage number, comprising a numeral, of the time elapsed and a second percentage number, comprising a numeral, of a time remaining versus the total time of the currently viewed program . . . at a position of the display bar corresponding to a percentage of time elapsed versus a total time." At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the bar 72 corresponds to the claimed numbers, asserting that numbers can be represented by "characters or graphically." Insofar as the bar 72 is a graphical display, it would not be a "character," such as the claimed numeral.

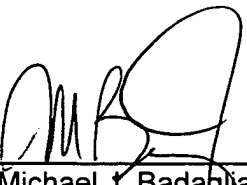
If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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